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Joint Resolution

To designate April 1990 as "National Prevent-A-Litter Month".

Mar. 30, 1990

[S.J. Res. 229]

Whereas the irresponsibility of some dog and cat owners in allowing uncontrolled breeding of their pets has created a pet overpopulation problem in the United States;

Whereas the pet overpopulation problem results in the destruction of millions of dogs and cats each year;

Whereas the pet overpopulation problem results in other cruelties to pets caused by neglect, such as abandonment, starvation, and injury;

Whereas the cruelties inflicted on pets result not only in lost animal lives but also in lost resources spent by thousands of communities to shelter neglected and displaced pets;

Whereas the pet overpopulation problem can be solved only by active promotion of pet owner responsibility programs that include spaying and neutering of pets, proper care and sheltering of pets, and compliance with animal control regulations; and

Whereas the people of the United States should commit themselves to preventing the needless destruction of pets by practicing responsible pet ownership and by spaying and neutering pets as a means of combating the problem of pet overpopulation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 1990 is designated as "National Prevent-A-Litter Month", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved March 30, 1990.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 229:

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